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SUBJECT: GODR INQUIRY, U.S. FOOD PRODUCTS, OPEN DATING
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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL, THE FDA DIVISION OF REGULATORY GUIDANCE IN HEW REPORTS THAT FDA HAS NO REGULATIONS REGARDING CODING OR DATING FOOD PRODUCTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LOW ACID CANNED GOODS. MANY OF THE PRODUCERS HAVE DEVELOPED VARIOUS CODING AND DATING SYSTEMS TO ENSURE THE FRESHNESS OF THEIR PRODUCTS SOLD TO THE PUBLIC.

2. MR. SAM PHELPS, DIRECTOR OF U.S. EXPORTS FOR KRAFT, INC. SAYS THAT KRAFT HAS CHANGED ITS VOLUNTARY DATING SYSTEM TO READ "BEST WHEN USED BY....." ACCORDING TO PHELPS, KRAFT ENCOURAGES ITS RETAILERS TO USE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DATE AS A "PULL DATE" FOR REMOVING THE ITEM FROM THE SHELVES. KRAFT DISCOURSES THE CONTINUED SALES OF SUCH ITEMS AFTER THE PULL DATE ALTHOUGH LEGALLY THE ITEMS CAN BE AND ARE SOLD AFTERWARDS. THE TIME AFTER THE PULL DATE THAT A PARTICULAR PRODUCT CAN BE SOLD AND STILL BE "FRESH" VARIES ACCORDING TO THE PRODUCT AND KRAFT

ENCOURAGES RETAILERS TO DO A SPOT QUALITY CHECK BEFORE
SELLING ITEMS WITH AN EXPIRED PULL DATE. PHELPS WILL
BE CORRESPONDING DIRECTLY WITH THE EMBASSY TO GIVE A
MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF KRAFT'S POLICY. CHRISTOPHER

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